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DONATION: 10-year-old sees a need at Pelham library

Birthday provides gifts of reading

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

Olivia Drava has her name in a book, actually in 12 books.

For her 10th birthday she asked her friends to give books for the Pelham Public Library rather than toys to her.

"I have tons of toys," she said. "I knew they needed books."

Olivia said she isn't a big reader herself.

"I don't really like to read, but I like to come here," she said sitting in the brightly coloured children's department at the Fonthill branch.

Rather than books the A.K. Wigg student she likes to take out movies and DVDs.

Her birthday is in January but it took a few months to assemble her donation.

Some coming to the party donated books such as Harry Potter's adventures but many gave her gift cards to Chapters and Indigo.

She used those to go shopping for the books she wanted to donate.

It took a while to bring it all together.

Olivia said the experience has inspired her to do things for other charities.

She has seen similar birthday donations given to groups such as the Humane Society.

For his 11th birthday in January she plans to do it again but this time may asks guests to donate to the World Wildlife Fund.

Donations to adopt animals can be made through its website.

For the library, the donation of a dozen books through a child's birthday party is unusual and welcome.

Like they do for most donations, the staff put a sticker inside each book acknowledging the gifts of reading from "Olivia Drava."

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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo
Olivia Drava used her 10th birthday to help Pelham Public Library to boost its children's books collection. Instead of presents, she asked for books or gift cards to buy books. She bought 12 books, each of which now contains her name as a donor.

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■ **OPEN HOUSE:** Community will be welcomed back next weekend

Hundreds visit model railway in Fenwick

ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

John Spironello and his eight-year-old son Andy were among hundreds of people who visited the Greater Niagara Model Railroad Engineers for their open house.

ALLAN BENNER
PelhamNEWS Staff

FENWICK — A huge amount of work goes into making the 1/87-scale trains look as realistic as possible as they roll through the miniature towns and villages.

While the 15 members of the Greater Niagara Model Railroad Engineers enjoy every minute of the work they dedicate time to, adding intricate detail to the miniature railway, their greatest joy is watching the eyes of children light up as they watch the tiny world come to life within the club's building on Maple St. in Fenwick

"The kids enjoy it so much," said club member Dave Stremlaw. "And they'll chase the trains around the layout."

While the club members "enjoy it as a bobby for ourselves," Stremlaw said, "it's also good to show other people what the hobby's about and what they can do in their own homes."

Hundreds of guests had an opportunity to see the fruits of their labour Saturday and Sunday when the Greater Niagara Model Railroad Engineers held an open house.

Nearly 200 people arrived to view the trains Saturday, and the club members were expecting just as many visitors Sunday.

As busy as the club was during the weekend open house, Stremlaw said it's been far busier in the past.

"We've been at times so backed up that you can't walk around," he said.

Changes to the set up also help keep people coming back, said club member Daniel Emmons.

"There's a major change on this section here," he said, gesturing to a newly-added town that was still under construction. "We're trying to create a town in model size."

The town they're building also needs to fit tbe 1950s and '60s era of the Fenwick Railroad, he added.

"We're trying to put each piece in so it looks natural. It's a lot of work and time," he said.

One of the finished parts of that town is a ball diamond created by one of the club members.

"When you take the GO Train from Toronto to Burlington, you pass many schools and there are probably a half-dozen ball diamonds or more. They're a common sight along the railway line."

The open house continues next weekend on Nov. 19 and 20 from noon to 4:30 p.m., both days.

Another open house will be held during the Fenwick Santa Claus parade, Dec. 10 from noon until 3:30 p.m. That will be the last open house for the club until next April.

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■ **EDUCATION:** A.K. Wigg students see how it works

Mayor takes local government to the classroom

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

Mayor Dave Augustyn and deputy clerk Jordan Arcaro have taken their act on the road.

As part of Local Government Week, they are talking to elementary school students about the functions of municipal governments.

Showing a PowerPoint and carrying props, the pair explained town services to two Grade 5 classes at A.K. Wigg Public School Monday.

The mayor laid out a nightmare scenario of waking up without them.

"You would turn your tap to brush your teeth and nothing would come out," Augustyn said.

"You would flick the light switch and nothing would turn on."

He went on to explain the sidewalks wouldn't be there to walk to school nor would the roads for the school buses.

The mayor showed the students a water meter that the town uses to measure water use.

He then showed them a bottle of water.

"How much does it cost to buy one of these?" he asked.

"About $1.50," said one of the students.

Then then he took a metre stick.

"Who knows what a cubic metre is?"

The students answered it was a box shape that measures a metre on each side.

"For $1.35 you can fill this with water," he said explaining user fees and the cost of local drinking water from the tap.

Augustyn explained how local government handles services nearest to the students such as roads, parks, police, fire figbting, and school crossing guards while the province handles larger services such as health care and education and the federal government defence, international affairs, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

For Augustyn and Arcaro, this was their third school. Tbey had been to Glynn A. Green in Fonthill and St. Ann Catholic in Fenwick.

A.K. Wigg teacher Scott Kurland said his Grade 5 students and those of Trish Ianizzi were in the middle of their studies of government.

The mayor's visit fits in with the program of studies, be said.

In wrapping up his presentation that ran for about an hour, Augustyn urged the students to participate in their community every chance they get.

"You are your municipality," he said.

As they get older, they will be able to vote, run for office, and volunteer for boards and commissions.

"We couldn't operate without volunteers."

In the last municipal election, he pointed out, a 19-year-old student ran for town council.

He praised the A.K. Wigg students for their own adopt-a-road program to keep Haist St. clean.

He cheered them for their role in the recent cleanups during Participation Days sponsored by the Pelham Communities in Bloom Committee.

Town clerk Nancy Bozzato and the mayor developed the presentation a couple of years ago as a way to explain local government to elementary students.

"The response you get often depends on how far along tbe students are in their government studies," Augustyn said as he fielded questions at the end of class.

He said they are usually surprised by who handles particular services.

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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Mayor Dave Augustyn, holding a water meter, spoke to the Grade 5 classes at A.K. Wigg Public School in Fonthill Monday as part of Local Government Week. Holding some of his props are from left: Adam Bisson, with a town directory, Noah Wouthuis with town map, Rachel Wayda has town clerk's manual and Audrey Morrison with directory.

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Tendering touchy

Pelham town council found itself in an unusual debate at its last meeting. Ward 3 Coun. John Durley presented a "minority report". It was over the awarding of a job to replace the roof on the Old Pelham Town Hall.

Council re-tendered the project after the original quote drew a complaint about the lowest bid coming from a Toronto firm. The new quote came in lower at $11,694 from a local firm.

In his minority report, Durley questioned how it was brought to council.

"Policy is in place giving explicit direction to staff as to how such matters get advertised, and how such contracts are awarded. There is an upper limit of $25,000 allowing contracts to be awarded without having the matter come to the council table for approval," he said.

Bringing it back throws doubt on the integrity of the process, Durley suggested

"This minority report is intended to make public the fact that all matters of price quotations and awarding of contracts are handled in a consistent, open and transparent manner, and that the member or members of council that requested this matter be brought to the council table acted in error and that proper protocol and order during this council meeting was not compliant with our policy and procedures."

The report debate led to Mayor Dave Augustyn leaving the chair to speak. Deputy mayor, Ward 2 Coun. Catherine King, had to break a tie to accept the minority report.

King, Durley, Ward 3 Coun. Peter Papp and Ward 2 Coun. Gary Accursi backed it. Augustyn and Ward 1 councillors Larry Clark and Richard Rybiak opposed it.

The minority report is an oddity. Durley, however, is making a good point.

Tendering process is a touchy. Trust can easily disappear. Council has a procurement policy. It must avoid undermining it.

Pace cars, sharrows come to Pelham

Brian Baty
REGIONAL COUNCIL VIEW

The Pelham Active Transportation Committee is always alert to opportunities to promote pedestrian safety, particularly around school zones. The PATC sought out and secured a $500 grant for a special Safe Kids Canada and FedEx sponsored fund to promote driver awareness in two school zones in Pelham.

It is called the "PACE" car initiative and urges drivers to drive slowly and set the PACE in school zones. The committee is working with two schools, Glynn A. Green in Fonthill and St. Ann's in Fenwick.

On Wednesday, the principal of Glynn A. Green has invited PATC to set up a table from 4–7 p.m. during the parent/teacher interview session to promote the PACE car initiative and ask parents to sign a PACE car pledge. Parents at St. Ann's will receive the pledge later in November.

While the program is focusing on two schools in two of our communities, the entire driver population of Pelham is asked to step up to the plate and put a foot on the brake. Interested individuals can sign pledges at the Town Hall. The grant fund will be used to promote awareness and print materials in the coming months. Bumper stickers and window decals will be provided for participants in this program.

Take time to thank them for making Pelham a safer community and for setting the PACE.

Our town has been revitalized by the changes in the streetscape design in downtown Fonthill. It has been a pleasure to see the use of the benches and bicycle racks and the overall impact has been calming to the driving experience.

Further up the hill, the new sidewalks on Haist Street seem to be well used and the lights and speed bumps must make the entry and exit from A.K. Wigg school much safer.

Over the past week a total of 18 sharrows have been added to both sides of Haist Street. Sharrow is the short form for "shared lane pavement marking". The pavement marking includes a bicycle symbol and white chevrons. Sharrows are also used at intersections.

For safety reasons, cyclists should ride one metre from the curb to avoid road debris and sewer grates. Likewise, while riding on streets that allow on-street parking, cyclists should maintain the one metre separation to avoid being hit by a car door opening.

Bike lanes are different from sharrows. Bike lanes are painted on roads with a bike symbol and a solid white line. Paved shoulders as now seen on Merritville Highway north of Regional Rd. 20 are noted with a solid white line but no bike symbols.

Sharrows are designed for roads that do not have sufficient road allowance for exclusive bike lanes but do remind both drivers and cyclists that they need to share the road and ensure each others safety.

An earlier PATC project to map out and rate bicycle routes and walking routes in Pelham is awaiting funding from the province. The committee has been pleased to move these projects forward and welcomes any suggestions from Pelham citizens that promote a better community for active transportation.

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Region decides how to fill vacancy

Dave Augustyn
MAYORAL VIEW

Regional Council was poised to decide how to fill a vacancy during its Thursday meeting.

You will recall that since Cindy Forster was elected as the Welland MPP on Oct. 6, she resigned from Regional Council. On Oct. 27, Regional Council formally accepted her resignation and officially declared her seat vacant.

The Municipal Act provides two options to fill the vacancy:

First, Regional Council may appoint an "eligible" person within 60 days of declaring a seat vacant. An eligible person includes someone who consents to the appointment, and is a Canadian citizen who is at least 18 years old and resides in Niagara.

Second, Council may hold a byelection. An eligible candidate would have to fulfill the same criteria as above.

Following past practice and in a "spirit of collegiality", Regional Council asked Welland city council to consider the matter and offer a recommendation.

After a long debate on a couple of different motions at their Nov. 1 meeting, Welland city council recommended that the Region fill the seat by holding a byelection.

I understand that this is the first time since the Region was established in 1970 that a city or town council has recommended a by-election. Further, I understand that Regional Council has always respected the recommendation of a town or city council when filling a vacancy.

If Regional Council supports that recommendation, Welland staff will organize the byelection, but the Region will pay for the election's "reasonable costs." The city's clerk estimates that a byelection could cost as much as $100,000; regional staff recommends that the unallocated 2011 surplus – expected to be $1.2 million – could cover those costs.

Last month I wrote that I was most interested in feedback from Welland residents before making up my mind on the matter. I am pleased that I did receive significant feedback by e-mail, phone, and in person. (In fact, more people contacted me now than when Pelham council faced a vacancy in March 2011!)

Of those Welland residents that provided their opinion, 59% wanted a by-election, 26% preferred the appointment of the third-placed candidate, and 21% wanted another individual to be appointed – either a sitting Welland city councillor, or a former Welland mayoral candidate. (The percentages equal more than 100% because 7% suggested two methods.)

I recognize that these results cannot be projected like a "representative sample", but I sincerely appreciate each person that provided their feedback and opinion.

You may contact Mayor Dave Augustyn at mayordave@pelham.ca or read past columns at www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE: PelhamNEWS went to press before Thursday's regional council meeting.

■ **HUMOUR:** Arnie Dyker

Voyage of Discovery: A trip across Eastern Canada

Arnie Dyker

The day after Labour Day, Arnie and Donna Jean took off for a three week excursion across Eastern Canada. It was a voyage of discovery.

What follows is a partial list of findings.

1: Driving 600 miles in a day causes stress. Driving 38 and then stopping at the next cool "point of interest", less so.

1a: Growing old has few benefits. One is the freedom to come back whenever you feel like it, and to travel 38 miles in a day if that's what you want.

2: A dog in the back seat gets bored driving 600 miles in a day. Driving 38, not so much.

3: When the guy at the front desk of the only upscale hotel on your whole 21 day trip asks you what colour your car is, and you say, "Well, the manufacturer calls it Cappuccino," he will write down "brown."

4: The Cabot Trail lives up to its billing as one of the most beautiful places you will ever see, anywhere. However, the Gaspé Peninsula is every bit as stunning; just not as well advertised in English Canada.

5: English is not the first language of the Gaspé Peninsula.

6: Even if you could speak half-decent French 85 years ago when you finished high school, or as little as ten, a couple of hours of listening to "French for Dummies" in the car will not get you back anything more than the most primitive ability to communicate.

7: Studying Spanish a half hour a day with your wife as a hobby will vastly improve your Spanish. It will, however, not only fail to help you with the French language, but cause the most important words to come out in the wrong language. You will end up saying "Si" instead of "Oui", "De nada" instead of "Merci" and, most crucially "Tengo que pee!" instead of "Je gotta pee."

8: The only time you will say one single thing in fluent and spontaneous French will be the wrong time. When you say to the guy on the motorcycle in the magnificent Forillon National Park at the tip of Gaspé, when he drops what looks like an important document, as fluidly as if you were born right there, "Vous avez perdu quelque chose," he will look at you blankly and reply, "I'm sorry. I'm from Seattle. I can only say three things in French: 'Merci,' 'Where is the toilet' and 'I don't speak French.'"

9: The French Canadian word for "dog" is not "le chien," at least not the way Arnie pronounces it, but rather "le pooch," as in "Oh, vous parlez du pooch!"

10: When you are eating on the move, for instance leaving a campground for the next destination, oatmeal tastes better when you know beforehand that that is going to be your breakfast.

11: A border guard at an overly quiet entry point from New Brunswick to Maine will ask way more questions, and way more aggressively, than you would expect when quizzing a benign-looking sixty-something man with totally non-threatening wife beside him in the front seat, happy-faced dog in the back, and *Birds of North America* 1984 soft cover edition beside him on console. This is because he is bored.

12: The bored guard will be mucb more prone to want to open the hatchback of the bird watcher's van at such a quiet place and time.

13: The bored guard may actually turn hostile when the driver of the van, concerned that the guard will be buried alive under an avalanche of camp gear, food, souvenirs, dog toys, and Coleman Fuel, blurts out "Do you want help with that?" and will find it necessary to punch out, as if he is the midst of a major drug takedown: "Stay in the vehicle! I need you to stay in the vehicle!"

14: Upon departing the border, the wife will find it necessary to remind the husband that, even if you are afraid the guard will get himself crippled in the act of opening the hatchback of your vehicle, it is still perhaps a mistake to volunteer to help him by getting out of the vehicle.

15: No matter the seeming mathematical improbability, it is possible to make three right turns in a row and never again see the road you never intended to leave.

16: Weirdly, nine right turns in a row can somehow, as if you've gone through some kind of space warp, take you back to where you started.

17: If you have a GPS with you, leave it on.

The preceding set of observations may conceivably be of some use to some other traveler down the road. But they are not a guide, merely a set of observations.

It was an interesting trip.

Arnie Dyker is a writer living in Pelham.

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■ **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:** Letters of thanks received

Fonthill-Singer's Corners WI joins national reminder

For PelhamNEWS

Women's Institute members across Canada begin their meetings by repeating the Mary Stewart Collect, and the Fonthill-Singer's Corners branch did the same, setting the stage for their November meeting, reminding themselves of their promise as members: "Keep us O Lord from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word and deed. Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self-seeking. May we put away all pretence, and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice. May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous. Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle. Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid. Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are one. And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all. And O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind."

President Betty Ralph chaired the meeting. A letter was received from Laura Broley thanking the branch for the Allanburg W.I. book prize awarded to her at Brock University. This award was set up by the Allanburg branch before they disbanded and joined Singer's Corners branch. Laura expressed her enthusiasm for education, especially mathematics. A further donation to this prize was approved by the members.

Letters and phone calls have been received from Canada Comforts, thanking the branch for their many boxes of children's clothing. Every month sees more knitted washcloths, afghans and baby clothes brought in for this worthwhile project.

Secretary Marion Egerter reported she had written to several people involved at the regional level regarding the withdrawal of funding for Canal View Homes in Welland. This non-profit housing site provides safe and affordable housing for special needs persons. A recreation director there had set up necessary and enjoyable programs for the residents, and this service is sorely missed now. The Fonthill W. I. has been a supporter over the years, and at the December meeting members of the amalgamated branches will continue to bring Christmas gifts for the residents.

A letter was read from Kristen Kerr, a graduate of Masters Museum Studies, outlining the damage which could occur to the artifacts in the Erland Lee (Museum) Home if it remains closed over the winter without proper supervision and humidity control. This has been an ongoing source of heartache for nearly a year for Women's Institute members across the province and indeed world wide, as it is the home of Erland Lee, co-founder with Adelaide Hunter Hoodless of the Women's Institute almost 115 years ago.

This autumn, two busloads of British W.I. members stopped at the Lee Home and looked around outside, longing to be able to tour the beautiful Home, parts of which have stood since the early 1800s, weathering the Battle of Stoney Creek in the War of 1812. A vote is promised early in 2012, and it is hoped the Home will reopen as a result of the outcome.

Environment convener Diana Knight handed out cards introducing various recycling scenarios, and members chose which solution would be best for the environment.

These ladies have always been in the forefront of the recycling movement, as this branch was one of the first organizations to participate in the Pitch In Campaign to clean up roadsides.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Diana Knight on Canboro Road in Ridgeville, when pot luck sandwiches and gifts for Canal View Homes will be featured.

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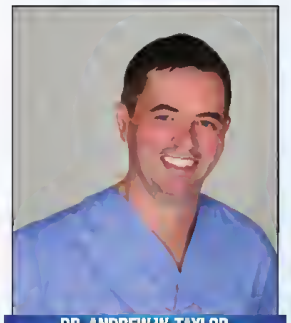

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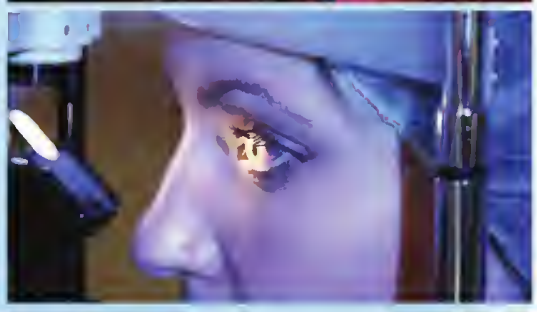
"What is exciting now in refractive laser eye surgery is the safety of the procedure and the range of treatment options now available for patients. It is rare that a patient cannot benefit from refractive surgery" says Dr. Taylor. "The greatest development in recent years has been the use of the femtosecond laser for the creation of the flap upon which the lasik procedure is based. Not only does this create a thinner and more uniform flap which leads to better optical outcomes, it alleviates the need for a blade and cutting microkeratome which was for many patients the biggest hurdle preventing them from having refractive lasik surgery. The safety factor is so great, I no longer utilize the microkeratome blade in lasik eye surgery". Dr. Taylor has extensive experience on several laser platforms. "While we started with the Bausch and Lomb platform in 1999, the industry has moved forward to provide greater customization for the unique optical errors of each individual patient. At Lasik ProVision, we have the Wavelight Allegretto platform but we are increasingly shifting to the Zeiss Meditec MEL 80 platform with the Visumax femtosecond laser. "This platform in my belief delivers the optimal reshaping of the cornea to maintain the natural corneal shape for optimal optical correction and customization. Zeiss laser Blended Vision is unique in the treatment of presbyopia or "reading glasses vision". It is the only excimer laser platform that predictably increases the range of vision so patients can see at near, intermediate and far without the loss of stereovision. This is truly exciting. Previously, and on other laser platforms, we could only treat with monovision with one eye corrected for far and one eye corrected for distance. This left patients with a loss of intermediate vision and reduced stereoacuity. It worked, but Zeiss Laser Blended Vision works so much better."

What is the future of refractive surgery? "The future is continuing to refine the refractive outcome with ever safer and less invasive procedures. I am very excited that within the next year, we will begin to fully utilize the femtosecond laser's potential, going beyond the creation of better flaps to conducting the entire laser procedure within the cornea without a flap. This may sound like science fiction, but it is a reality and I am honoured that Zeiss has chosen to partner with Lasik ProVision in Niagara Falls to bring this technology to North America.



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The downtown beautification advisory committee hopes for a banner Christmas.

That is if the town can get banners and light standard arms in time for the festive season.

In a report to council Monday it urges staff to order wind resistant supports as soon as possible.

The committee also recommended a maintenance schedule to Pelham St. and the traffic islands on Regional Rd. 20.

MYAC NAMES NEW PRIME MINISTER

Michael Ross is the new prime minister of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. Other executive members are deputy prime minister Ankit Sehgel, secretary Madeline Wallace, communications minister Jenna Piunno, recruitment officer Jacob Froese.

The youth group also placed members on various town advisory committees.

Emma Cadwell is on communities in bloom; Sehgel and Froese on community policing committee; Piunno and Brian Pulfer on Pelham active transportation; Tolu Ola and Wallace on downtown beautification; and Piunno on promotion.

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KEEP APPROACHES CLEAR

Town is sending a letter to the Ontario Minister of Energy to alert the ministry to the presence of an airport in the town.

The ministry is considering a project to construct energy generating windmills in West Lincoln, Wainfleet and possibly Pelham.

A federal regulation prohibits structures of more than 45 metres high with a four-kilometre radius of a certified aerodrome, which is the Niagara Central Airport, at the Welland River on River Rd. near Effingham St. in southern Pelham.

The four kilometre restriction would include parts of Pelham, Wainfleet and Welland and almost reach tie West Lincoln border.

POLICE BEEF BODY

Gudelia Morency, from the office of the Independent Police Review Director, outlined the role of the office to town council Monday.

The office, an arms-length agency of the Ontairo Ministry of the Attorney General, receives complaints about police conduct.

It makes sure public complaints against police in Ontario are dealt with "in a manner that is transparent, fair, efficient and effective."

Complaint forms are available at the OIPRD, on its website www.oiprd.on.ca, and at municipal, regional or provincial police stations.

PELHAM BACKS BROCK

Town council joined the Niagara Region in supporting Brock University's attempt to secure funding from federal and provincial governments for a proposed expansion of its Business School.

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BUS LINK SOUGHT

David Jordan asked town council's general committee to consider a shuttle bus link to the new Niagara Regional or Welland bus services for the Town of Pelham.

He said he did use an earlier attempt to set up a bus link in Pelham and believes situation has change with more older people in town.

A service that linked Fonthill, Fenwick, Ridgeville and North Pelham could be used within the town.

Similarly a service connecting to Brock University and Niagara College would open Pelham to students.

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■ **FUNDRAISER:** Homes for the Holidays tour this Saturday

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Homes for the Holidays decorators gather at Vermeer's Garden Centre and Flower Shop before Saturday's 8th annual Christmas decoration house tour. Front from left are Karin Vermeer and Jackie Cornwall of Vermeer's. Standing are: Deborah Sourwine of Cox Home Furniture, Jennifer DeHaan of Forever Flowers, Sherry Damm of J&J Floral Expressions and Floral Dimensions, Eileen Ashenden and Chante Chevalier of Olive Ave. Home Staging, and Sandy Alexander of The Log Cabin. The tour is a fundraiser for community and church programs of Fonthill United Church.

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■ HOCKEY

Peewee AE's split weekend games

For PelhamNEWS

The Shoppers Drug Mart Peewee AE teams won one and lost one in weekend games. The first game was against Wainfleet in the two teams first meeting of the season. Forward lines of Noah Overbeeke, Fraser Darling and Liam Gaudet were strong off the opening faceoff but could not get a shot past the strong Wainfleet goalie.

The second and third period saw the evenly matched teams each scoring with Pelham's goal by Ryan Reece, assisted by Dawson Chamberlain. Goalie Daniel VanAlstine shut down the attacking Wild for the last half of the game. The team will have another opportunity to face Wainfleet later in the season.

Sundays game was a rematch against Lincoln who the Panthers had faced in the first game of the season. Both teams were hungry for a win from the beginning with the first period very evenly matched and ending with no score. Goalie Jasion DiPaola was solid and played the puck well when challenged by Lincoln.

Second period saw the Pelham team get on the scoreboard with Henry Blackburn scoring a nice goal assisted by Zach Smith.

In the third period Pelham's strong legs outlasted the Blades with goals by Liam Gaudet, Ryan Reece, Brock Deba and another by Henry Blackburn. Passing was a key to the Panthers success in this game, assists by Thomas Citringo, Blake Zurbrigg, Liam Gaudet, Jacob DiRaddo and Fraser Darling were all a result of heads up unselfish play.

Defense started the attack on a number of the goals with Harry Steven, Quinn Tucker, Neil Kennedy and Dawson Chamberlain being rock solid once again. The Panthers were happy for the win with the final score being 5-2.

As the journey of this season progresses the coaches have been impressed with the dedication and time the players have put in both on and off the ice.

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■ **COMMUNITY:** IceDogs setting good examples

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Niagara IceDogs Myles Doan (12), Freddie Hamilton (13) and Shayne Rover (11) spoke to students at Glynn A. Green Public School Monday. The Ontario Hockey League players visit schools to promote the importance of education, healthy eating, fitness and teamwork.

MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

The Niagara IceDogs took to Pelham Arena on Wednesday, Nov. 9, for a community skate held in support of Pelham Cares. Admission to the event, which included a free skate for kids with the IceDogs and team mascot Bones, was a nonperishable food donation for the agency. IceDogs defenceman Luke Mercer is pictured signing a hockey stick as kids line up for autographs.

■ **HOCKEY:** Smithville, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Predators on the prowl and grab five of six possible points

For PelhamNEWS

The Pelham Atom LL McDonald's Predators capped off a very successful weekend with a pair of victories and a tie. On Saturday afternoon, the Predators traveled to Smithville and hung in tough with the Wrath, skating them to a 4-4 draw. Snipers for the Preds were Reid Murray with three and Robbie Harper. Playmakers for the matinee were Jacob Gula, Ben Oussoren, Joshua Morningstar, Tristan Barnhart, Jake Sung, and Sam Ugulini.

Sunday morning featured an all Pelham showdown and the Predators came out on top 6-4. Jacob Gula and Ben Oussoren led the offensive attack with two goals each while single markers came off the sticks of Robbie Harper and Reid Murray. Nick Chambers spent the morning setting up his trigger-men notching three helpers.

The Predators then hosted Niagara-on-the-Lake in the back end of a rare day/night doubleheader. The Preds' efforts were rewarded with a 6-3 victory. Again Gula and Oussoren led the charge with two apiece while Chambers and Evan Rollins added singles. Rollins also contributed with two assists in the win. John Higenell backstopped all three games making save after difficult save enabling the Predators to capture five out of a possible six weekend points.

■ **TAKE KIDS TO WORK:** 3,000 across Niagara

Grade 9 student gets taste of working life

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

Ariel Hartwick saw what her mother Christine does at Lookout Ridge Retirement Community.

And she played bingo with her grandmother Roxey Young, who is a resident.

The Grade 9 student at Centennial Secondary School was one of hundreds of high school students across Niagara who went to work with a parent or friend.

It was part of the national 18th annual Take Our Kids to Work Day.

The one day job shadowing showed students how their parents earn a living.

At Lookout Ridge in Fonthill, Christine Hartwick is a guest attendant. However, her daughter Ariel spent the day with Lauren Boudens in the recreational program.

She served coffee and snacks, cleared tables, helped paint nails in a pedicure, ran a bingo and played badminton with the guests.

Ariel said she had a good time but right now she is more interested in becoming a baker.

The Business Education Council of Niagara co-ordinated Take Our Kids to Work Day with the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

It involved about 3,000 Grade 9 students from high schools across Niagara.

"We have roughly 170 students out," said Co-op coordinator Andrew Petryschuk at E.L. Crossley Secondary School.

Some Crossley students were at The St. Lawrence Seaway, Ripley Entertainment, Xerox Canada, Bella RV Rentals, Astral Media (97.7), Sir Adam Beck and Canadian Border services "to name a few," he said.

The job shadowing provides some insight into the work world.

Students see the importance of education, skills development and training.

It can also trigger interest in later out-of-school career learning experiences.

Crossley, for example, offers co-op education for credits in senior grades, said Petryschuk.

Take Our Kids to Work Day began in 1994 by The Learning Partnership. Across the country more than 1.5 million students and thousands of workplaces have participated.

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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Ariel Hartwick, a Grade 9 student at Centennial Secondary School, helps her grandmother Roxey Young play bingo at Lookout Ridge Retirement Community in Pelham. Hartwick came to work with her mother Christine Hartwick, a guest attendant at Lookout, as part of Take Our Kids to Work day Wednesday, Nov. 2. She worked with Lauren Boudens in recreational services. He grandmother is a resident in the retirement centre.

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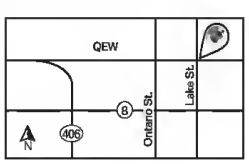

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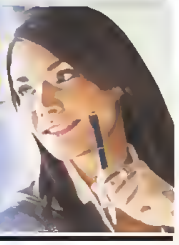

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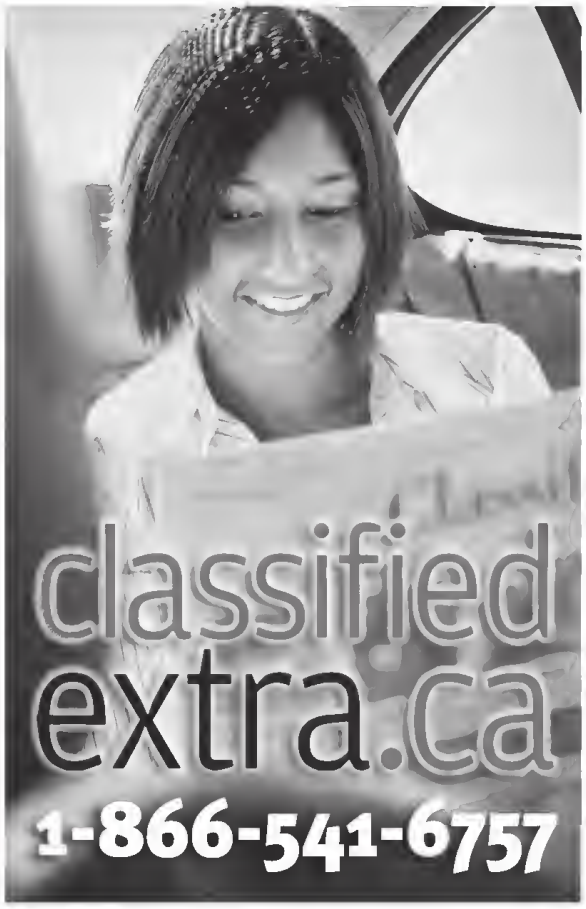

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